process. The Central Government reimburses to the State Government the amount paid towards such *ex-gratia* relief as part of the security related expenditure. During 1998-99 the State Government has claimed reimbursement of an amount of Rs. 28.20 crores upto December 31, 1998 on account of *ex-gratia* relief disbursed.

Handing over law and order in Delhi to State Government

842. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the law and order situation in Delhi is worsening day-by-day; and

(b) if so, whether the Central Government propose to hand over the law and order machinery to the State Government for effective control by the local Administration instead of keeping it?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) The reported IPC-related crime during 1998 in the National Capital Territory of Delhi registered as overall increase of about 6.50 per cent over the proceding year. Delhi Police, however, have had some spectacular achievements in the prevention and detection of crime during 1998. These included a major crackdown on robbers; foiling of attempts to kidnap for ransom in several cases; arrest of large number of hardcore militants and recovery of sizeable quantities of arms and ammunition from them; and successful encounters with certain dreaded gangsters.

(b) The transfer of the administrative control of the law and order machinery to the local Government is linked with the proposal to grant full-fledged Statehood to the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

Latest status of Assam package

843. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state what has been the latest status of implementation of Assam package, announced by the three successive Prime Ministers during 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): The 'New Initiatives' for the North Eastern Region announced by the then Prime Minister in October 1996 include a number of projects for Assam. The latest Status of these projects may be seen at the attached Statement.

Statement

Name of the project	Present position
Rail-Cum-road bridge at JOGIGHOPA	The Rail-cum-road bridge has been completed and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 15th April, 1998.
Rail-cum-road bridge at BOGIBHEEL	The Cabinet approved the project on 10.9.97. The preparation of the detailed project report has been entrusted to M/s. RITES by the Ministry of Railways.
Guwahati Airport	In order to make Guwahati Airport a regional hub as well as an international airport, the Airport Authority of India has initiated action for modernisation/upgradation of the infrastructure facilities in a phased manner.
Three Industrial Growth Centres	The Industrial Growth Centres at Chariduar and Matia have been approved and are under implementation by the State Government. In re-

Name of the project	Present position
	spect of the Third Growth Centre, the proposal from the State Government is awaited.
Flood Control works/ Brahmaputra	The Ministry of Water Resources is processing for PIB/CCEA clearance in respect of PAGLADIYA Multipurpose project. The Harang Drainage Development Scheme has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 10.81 crores.
LPG Bottling Plant	This is in progress and will be completed in 1999-2000.
Numaligarh Refinery	The Project has achieved a physical progress of 93.2% as on 15.10.98 and would be commissioned this year.

पुलिस विभागों में मानवाधिकार प्रकोष्ठ

844. **श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राष्ट्रीय मानवाधिकार आयोग ने प्रत्येक राज्य के पुलिस विभाग में एक मानवाधिकार प्रकोष्ठ स्थापित करने की सिफारिश की थी; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा अब तक क्या कार्रवाई की गई है?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): (क) जी नहीं, श्रीमान। आयोग ने इस संबंध में केन्द्र सरकार को नहीं लिखा है।

(ख) उपर्युक्त (क) को ध्यान में रखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता है।

Appointment of Governors

845. **SHRI ANANTA SETHI:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to fill up the vacancies of Governor in some States;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard; and

(c) the reasons for delay in appointment of Governors in the States where acting Governors are appointed?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) Two Governors have completed five years, which is the normal term of office of a Governor. However, according to the proviso to article 156(3) of the Constitution of India, a Governor shall, notwithstanding the expiration of his term, continue to hold office until his successor enters upon his office.

In addition to the above, the Chief Justice of Gujarat has been discharging the functions of Governor of Gujarat since 16.1.1999.

The question of making fresh appointments of Governors is under consideration.

Assistance to the dependents victims of Chamba killings

846. **SHRI ANIL SHARMA:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what financial and other assistance was given to the dependents of victims who lost their lives in Chamba; and

(b) whether, keeping in view the most difficult terrain which includes snow bound areas of H.P. and J&K, Government consider to deploy/recruit able bodied youths of bordering villages of Himachal Pradesh in para military forces, giving preferences to members of the deceased families, so as to instil self-confidence in the people of border area?